



Malia Kay Johnson

January 9, 1957 - March 7, 2018

Malia Kay Johnson of Durant, Oklahoma and formerly of Indianola, Iowa was born January 9, 1957 in Des Moines, Iowa to Doyle and Betty Smith Brittain and passed from this life on March 7, 2018 in Richardson, Texas at the age of 61 years, 1 month and 26 days.

Malia graduated from Indianola High School and continued her education at Marycrest College and Simpson College receiving her Bachelor's Degree and later worked in health care administration. She married James Charles Johnson on August 9, 1992 and they moved to Durant in July of 1999. In her free time she enjoyed traveling, reading and pets. Most of all she dearly loved spending time with her family and friends.

Malia was preceded in death by her mother, Betty Reed and brother in law, Steve Weidner.

Malia is survived by her loving and devoted husband, James Charles Johnson of the home; beloved father, Doyle Brittain of Durant, OK; treasured son, Nathaniel Zachary Johnson and wife Machell and their sons, Daxton James and Zachary Tyree of Celina, TX; beloved sister, Susan Weidner of Buena Park, CA and numerous nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM Saturday, March 10, 2018 at Brown's Funeral Service Chapel. Rev. John Baldwin of the First United Methodist Church in Celina, TX will officiate. Interment will follow on Highland Cemetery with Paul Key, Sean Hall, Boone Johnson, Matt Skinner, Dylan Price, Scott Johnson, Josh Harmon and Joe Glick serving as pallbearers. The family will receive friends on Friday evening from 6-8 PM at the Funeral Home.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.brownsfuneralservice.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Brown's Durant Funeral and Cremation Service.

Cemetery Details

Highland Cemetery

1620 Cemetery Rd
Durant, OK

Previous Events

Gathering of Family and Friends

MAR 9. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Brown's Funeral Service - Durant
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Tribute Wall



“ *Malia Kay Johnson*

January 08, 2023 at 11:32 PM



“ *To Malia's family: Our AHM family is heartbroken over Malia's passing. She was unbelievably talented at her job, but her gifts for spreading warmth, humor, optimism and good will are what we will truly miss. She had real strength of character and a beautiful soul. My deepest condolences to you.*

Amy Natho - March 26, 2018 at 07:39 PM



“ *Thoughts and Prayers to the Family. Malia was one of my classmates from the Class of 1975 from Indianola, Iowa. I did not realize it until I was reading the obituary, Malia was born one day before me in Des Moines. Linda (Amos) Wickett*

Linda (Amos) Wickett - March 15, 2018 at 10:17 PM



“ *Always happy and always smiling - that was Malia. I've never met a more genuinely caring person and I'm better because of it. She was always friendly and easy to work with at AHM and I'll forever miss her smiling face. My heartfelt condolences to her family and friends during this difficult time.*

Andrea Thompson - March 11, 2018 at 08:03 PM



“ *Malia and I instantly connected when we discovered we both went to college in Iowa. We discussed Marycrest and St. Ambrose several times over the years. We had many conversations while we worked together at AHM regarding friends, family and of course work too and I will cherish those. She loves her family so much, was so proud of them and talked about her son Nate and Machell and the two boys often. She was a wonderful listener, confidant, and friend. Prayers to the family she treasured. May you find peace. She was a treasure for us at AHM and will be greatly missed. Until we meet again- Love to you always.*

Calista Kelly - March 10, 2018 at 12:57 PM

CS

“ In working with Malia at AHM, she took the time in every single conversation to express gratitude. She was a warm and caring colleague who saw the best in everyone. She worked so hard and her efforts helped all of us succeed - she was loved by her colleagues and customers and is very much missed. Prayers to her family during this sad and difficult time.

Carolyn Smaka - March 10, 2018 at 09:22 AM

FC

“ Fawn Carson lit a candle in memory of Malia Kay Johnson



Fawn Carson - March 09, 2018 at 11:31 PM

FC

You will be so missed by your AHM family. Bless your family during this time.

Fawn Carson - March 09, 2018 at 11:32 PM

KP

“ Kay Piffer lit a candle in memory of Malia Kay Johnson



Kay Piffer - March 09, 2018 at 10:19 PM

KP

You will be truly missed by many Malia! May you Rest In Peace!

Kay Piffer - March 09, 2018 at 10:22 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Malia Kay Johnson.



March 09, 2018 at 05:39 PM

DL

“ *Malia was a treasure. Her smile was radiant. Her positivity was contagious. I feel honored to have known her. Working with her was always a pleasure! To her friends and family, I sent you my deepest condolences. Fly high, MJ. Until we meet again, my friend.*

Dana Lombardo - March 09, 2018 at 01:25 PM

DL

send*

Dana Lombardo - March 09, 2018 at 01:25 PM

ST

“ *Malia was one of the first people I met from my new work family, and she was so warm and welcoming. I am grateful I had the chance to meet her in person and enjoy her wonderful smile and laugh.*



Stevie - March 09, 2018 at 01:19 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Malia Kay Johnson.*



March 09, 2018 at 01:19 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Malia Kay Johnson.*



March 09, 2018 at 01:13 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Malia Kay Johnson.*



March 09, 2018 at 12:56 PM

TF

“ *The Havens Family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Malia Kay Johnson.*



The Havens Family - March 09, 2018 at 12:22 PM

TT

“ *The AudiologyDesign Team purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Malia Kay Johnson.*



The AudiologyDesign Team - March 09, 2018 at 12:17 PM

KH

“ *Malia was a beacon of goodness in this world - positively influencing anybody and everybody that had the pleasure to meet her and know her. I am a better person to have known her, worked with her and call her a friend.*

Our thoughts and prayers to Jim, children, and grandchildren. I was truly blessed to have crossed paths with Malia and will miss her dearly.

Sincerely - Kevin Havens & Family

Kevin Havens - March 09, 2018 at 12:13 PM

AL

“ *Aimee LaCalle lit a candle in memory of Malia Kay Johnson*



Aimee LaCalle - March 09, 2018 at 11:01 AM

AL

“ *We have been so fortunate to have had Malia in our work family these past few years. We are extremely grateful for the time she shared with us. She was a bright light filled with warmth and love and we will miss her so much. We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers. May she Rest In Peace. Much love, Aimee and Bill LaCalle*

Aimee LaCalle - March 09, 2018 at 10:59 AM



“ *Malia was one of the kindest, most genuine people I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. She was full of constant joy and her very presence was uplifting. No matter what I was going through, she was supportive and encouraging. I always knew she would be there for me no matter what. I feel very blessed to have had my life touched by hers.*
-Lacey Key

Lacey Key - March 09, 2018 at 10:06 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Malia Kay Johnson.*



March 09, 2018 at 10:01 AM



“ *Nika lit a candle in memory of Malia Kay Johnson*

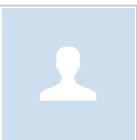


Nika - March 09, 2018 at 07:56 AM



Malia was a truly beautiful lady inside and out. I really enjoyed working with her and looked forward to our in-person visits at the company meeting each year. Sending my thoughts and prayers.

Nika - March 09, 2018 at 08:03 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Malia Kay Johnson.*



March 09, 2018 at 07:04 AM

HF

“ Heather Robertson & Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Malia Kay Johnson.



Heather Robertson & Family - March 08, 2018 at 11:48 PM

L(

“ Love and prayers from Leigha Jansen (AHM) purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Malia Kay Johnson.



Love and prayers from Leigha Jansen (AHM) - March 08, 2018 at 10:00 PM

TH

“ Dear Family - Thinking of you during this difficult time. We had lived across the street in Indianola then reconnected on Facebook a few years ago. Sending heartfelt sympathy and hugs to all of you. Roger & Theresa Finken



Theresa - March 08, 2018 at 06:00 PM

TC

“ The Smiths- aunts, uncles and cousins purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Malia Kay Johnson.



The Smiths- aunts, uncles and cousins - March 08, 2018 at 05:35 PM



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Malia Kay Johnson.



March 08, 2018 at 05:10 PM

MS

“ Dear Jim, Doyle, Nathon, Machell, Susan and all,
We were so saddened to receive the word that Malia had passed away. You are each in our thoughts and prayers. Even though miles have separated us and getting together hasn't been that often we sure have enjoyed her posts on facebook. We know how much she loved her family and friends. We are so glad she was able to enjoy her two darling grandsons and they were her pride and joy, as were the rest of her family as well. We hope all your precious memories will live on in your hearts forever and give you comfort. We pray God will Bless each of you and will give you peace and strength for each new day. Malia will be missed by many. We are sorry we will not be with you for the service but do hope to see you soon. Sending Love, prayers and sympathy...Uncle Lowell & Aunt Mary



Mary Smith - March 08, 2018 at 05:09 PM

LK

“ Sending my deepest condolences to Malia's family during this time. Our thoughts are with you as her loss will be felt by so many.

In sympathy, Laura Kimpel-Matthews (AHM Coworker)

Laura Kimpel-Matthews - March 08, 2018 at 04:37 PM

JS

“ Malia, I will always fondly remember your brilliant smile and generous heart. I so admired the way you were able to begin any conversation with a complement or a kind word - and it was always so genuine. I also admired the strength of your faith, and your seeming unending patience. To Malia's family, I wish to express my heartfelt condolences - I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Joanne Slater - March 08, 2018 at 03:56 PM

JP

“ I have had the honor of having Malia in my life both as a dear friend and coworker/mentor for 17 beautiful years. Malia was the kindest person and the world was a better place with her in it. My deepest sympathy to Malia's family and friends. I am just devastated by this loss. Peace and love being sent to you from Montana.

Jennifer Poole and son Alec

Jennifer Poole - March 08, 2018 at 03:39 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Malia Kay Johnson.*



March 08, 2018 at 03:29 PM

DO

“ *Donna lit a candle in memory of Malia Kay Johnson*



Donna - March 08, 2018 at 03:21 PM

WB

“ *Wendy Bradbury purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Malia Kay Johnson.*



Wendy Bradbury - March 08, 2018 at 03:06 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Malia Kay Johnson.*



March 08, 2018 at 02:51 PM

AM

“ *I worked with Malia at AHM. She encouraged and supported me every day. She always asked me about my family and she sure did love her husband, son, daughter-in-law, grand babies and her dogs. I look forward to the day we all get to see Malia again. My love and prayers to Malia's family and friends, for peace and comfort through this difficult time.*

Amy Martin - March 08, 2018 at 02:42 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Malia Kay Johnson.*



March 08, 2018 at 01:56 PM



“ *Jerry and Alisa Carter purchased the Amazing Arboricola for the family of Malia Kay Johnson.*



Jerry and Alisa Carter - March 08, 2018 at 01:14 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Malia Kay Johnson.*



March 08, 2018 at 12:37 PM



“ *Malia and I weren't close in school but I had really enjoyed getting in touch on Facebook. From her posts, she loved her family deeply. I am truly sorry for your loss and am praying for you.*



Joyce Bruns - March 08, 2018 at 11:34 AM



“ *Tina Woosley lit a candle in memory of Malia Kay Johnson*



Tina Woosley - March 08, 2018 at 08:06 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Malia Kay Johnson.*



March 07, 2018 at 10:59 PM

BY

“ *Dear Sweet Malia --- everyone's "Honey Bunny"! I've never met a kinder, brighter, or more loving person in my entire life. I was so deeply saddened for all the loving family members that Malia so adored and who are dealing with such a heavy loss. I will keep you all in my heart and I only wish I could get there to tell you in person how very much she was loved, admired, and adored --- and how much she will be missed.*

*Betsi Slider Young
Castle Rock, CO*

Betsi Slider Young - March 07, 2018 at 10:17 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Malia Kay Johnson.*



March 07, 2018 at 10:04 PM